ATTACHMENT B

Accounting of Labor Department Burden Changes

The Office of Management and Budget's Information Collection Budget (ICB) contains specific information about the Department of Labor's (DOL) burden changes. Additionally, significant changes[1] are discussed in detail in the ICB. As indicated in the attached testimony, DOL recognizes that the majority of its burden reduction is a result of adjustments.

As of May 2005, DOL experienced a 0.90% increase in burden hours (mostly adjustments) which is consistent with the 1% increase projected in the FY 2005 ICB and much less than the Federal-wide increase of 5.05% for the same period.

The below table summarizes DOL's burden hour changes by the following categories: (1) changes in statute, (2) agency actions, (3) lapse in OMB approval, and (4) adjustments[2]. A similar accounting for FY 2005 will be available in the FY 2006 ICB.

Accounting of Labor Department Burden Changes -- FY 2000 to FY 2004
(in millions)

Fiscal Year	Changes in Statute		Agency Actions		Lapsed in OMB Approval		Adjustments		Total Hours
FY 2000	2.01	1.0%	(0.42)	-0.2%	1.00	0.6%	(16.52)	-8.4%	181.59
FY 2001*	0.00	0.0%	(2.41)	-1.3%	0.00	0.0%	4.71	2.6%	186.11
FY 2002	0.05	0.0%	2.40	1.3%	0.00	0.0%	0.66	0.4%	189.23
FY 2003	0.20	0.1%	(0.11)	-0.1%	0.00	0.0%	(29.76)	-18.5%	160.65
FY 2004	(0.03)	0.0%	0.48	0.3%	0.00	0.0%	4.21	2.6%	164.23

Source: Information Collection Budget of the United States, Office of Management and Budget- Fiscal Years 2001 to 2005.
Note: The FY 2001 Information Collection Budget did not disaggregate changes due to new statutes and changes due to agency actions.

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[1] According to OMB, significant changes are those of 10,000 hours or more or $10 million or more in burden cost changes.

[2] "Adjustments" generally result from factors outside of the Agency's control (e.g., universe fluctuation due economic factors, industry trends, etc.) as well as updates to estimates.